



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2182**

Docket No.: 826.1774

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masakazu SUZUKI, et al.

Serial No. 09/998,516

Group Art Unit: 2182

Confirmation No. 6506

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Examiner: Alan S. Chen

For: DEVICE DRIVER APPARATUS FOR I/O DEVICE SIMULATION

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Attention: Box AF

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed July 2, 2004. The March 1, 2004 Office Action set a period for response to expire on June 1, 2004. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee, is submitted herewith, making the period for response end on August 1, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.